

SUMMER 2013

ELCO Communicator

A Newsletter for the Residents of Eastern Lebanon County School District

ELCO HIGH SCHOOL COMMENCEMENT

The fiftieth commencement ceremony for the Eastern Lebanon County School District was held in the New Beginnings Grace Brethren Auditorium on Thursday, June 6, 2013.

One hundred seventy members of the Class of 2013 received their diplomas from Leon Moll, President of the Eastern Lebanon County Board of Education.

Juliana Knight delivered the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Ian Neiswinter welcomed family and friends. Emily Harpold and Seth Musser, student orators, spoke on the topics, "Through the Ups and Downs" and "Life Lessons From Science and Mathematics" respectively. Senior Class President, Mackenzie Smith; presented the class gift to the school district and Christopher Simion gave the farewell speech.

Laurie Bowersox, Principal of the ELCO Intermediate School, presented the departmental awards to the top scholastic students (over four years) in 13 areas. Each winner received a \$50 gift, provided by ELCO Renaissance. The departments and students were as follows:

Agriculture Science: Matthew Bishop

Art: Nicole Gible

Business Education: Courtney Miller

English: Juliana Knight

Family & Consumer Science: Brandi Whitman

Mathematics: Seth Musser

Music: Bradley Hartman

Physical Education: Katelyn Barry & Ian Neiswinter

Science: Emily Harpold

Social Studies: Christopher Simion

Technology Education: Mason Musser

World Language: Emily Harpold

Lebanon County Career & Technology Center: Tiffany Cortijo & Austin Ebersole



Superintendent, Dr. David Zuilkoski announced the Valedictorian, Seth Musser; and Salutatorian, Emily Harpold. They were both presented with engraved watches.

Jennifer Haas, High School Assistant Principal, introduced the commencement speaker, Robert Miller, who was selected by the senior class. Mr. Miller is head of the social studies department and the head coach for football and track and field. Terrie Stauffer, Principal of Fort Zeller and Jackson Elementary Schools, presented Mr. Miller with the Distinguished Teacher Award. Mr. Felty presented the class as having fulfilled all academic requirements to receive their diplomas. Mr. Moll, Mr. Michael Gerhart, Middle School Principal, and Ms. Haas assisted in the diploma presentations.

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EASTERN LEBANON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT'S MISSION STATEMENT

To provide quality educational opportunities for all students so that, as citizens, they can successfully meet the challenges and responsibilities of the future.

STUDENT AWARD RECOGNITION

CONGRATULATIONS!!

INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL:

President's Award for Educational Excellence: Skyler Atkinson, Julia Badolato, Ethan Balderrama, Deziree Balthaser, Macauley Beard, Bridget Bozman, Bryce Coletti, Brooke Dettery, Melodi Dove, Lauren Eager, Keli Flanagan, Rachael Fling, Ethan Gettle, Julia Gettler, Olivia Gingrich, Gavin Green, Rimma Grinev, Alexander Heil, Amber Heisey, Jenna Helsel, Daniel Henry, Isaiah Hess, Janet Keens, Joseph Landis, Elizabeth Lattanze, Savannah Lewis, Julia Macchione, Ryan Miller, Hailey Orfino, Devon Rosengrant, Ryan Smith, James Stanley, Andrew Stevens, Alexander Tempus, Wyeth Ullom, Alyssa Weaver, Tessa Willhoyte & Erik Williams

President's Award for Educational Achievement: Olivia Balsbaugh, Audry Barnhart, Aleksandra Chernigina, Keegan Donmoyer, Britney Ebersole, Kylee Gainer, Mitchell Gray, Katelyn Hart, Abigail Hentz, Hunter Hockley, Benjamin Horst, Destiny Kline, William Leedom, Skylar Liskey, Kasey Malloy, Ashley Martin, Ryan Mogel, Sabryna Orfino, Jaylyn Robinson, Alyx Royer, Rebecca Sargent, Sarah Shollenberger, Johanna Stahl, Kendra Stephenson, Natalie Swingholm, Michael Torres, Tyler Vest, Robert Walck, Aidan Zimmerman & Kaitlan Zook

Senator Folmer Good Citizenship Award: Savannah Lewis & Joseph Landis

Congressman Gerlach Good Citizenship Award: Julia Badolato & Michael Torres

Representative Swanger Leadership Award: Julia Macchione & Andrew Stevens

MIDDLE SCHOOL:

Senator Folmer Good Citizenship Award: Alyssa Keath & Matthew Berger

Representative Swanger Leadership Award: Madelyn Sweatlock & Tyler Horst

Representative Gerlach Good Citizenship Award: Rebecca Hickernell & Quinten Weaver

Good Neighbor Award: Kayla Cox, Kayla Light, Collin Landis & Alex Puglio

Woodmen of the World Award: Collin Landis & Lucas Regnell

HIGH SCHOOL:

Departmental Awards:

Agriculture Science

DeKalb Agricultural Accomplishment Award

The Seeing Eye Puppy Raiser Service

Wenger's of Myerstown

4H Academic Award

Matthew Bishop

Matthew Bishop

Matthew Bishop

Matthew Bishop

Art - Senior Portfolio Award

2D

3D

Best Overall

Kayla Strobel

Heather Hart

Jamie Wampler

Business FBLA

FBLA Student of the Year

Trout, Ebersole & Groff, LLP Acct/Bookkeeping Award

Courtney Miller

Courtney Miller

English SIGMA Awards

Editor Award

Autumn Chappel, Kristi Fidler & Vanessa Wolgemuth

Most Valuable Staffer

Vanessa Wolgemuth

Business Editor Award

Nicole Edmondson

Journalism Honor Roll Award

Kristi Fidler & Lisa Koppenhaver

Music

Myerstown Sr. Women's Club - Music & Drama Division

Outstanding Dramatic Actor

Patrick S. Gilmore Outstanding Instrumentalist

Woody Herman Jazz Award

Paige Gregorzek

Jeremy Bernat

Adam Tobias

STUDENT AWARD RECOGNITION...Continued

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| Louis Armstrong Jazz Award | Bradley Hartman |
| Tri-M Music Honors Award | Julie Knauss |
| John Phillips Sousa Outstanding Instrumentalist Award | Juliana Knight |
| Quincy Jones Musicianship Award | Christopher Simion |
| Director's Award | Stephanie Tice |
| L-L Music Educators' Assoc.-Student Honors Recognition Award | |
| Marching Band | Adam Tobias |
| Jazz | Bradley Hartman |
| Music Technology | Travis Imboden |
| Concert Band | Juliana Knight |
| Robert H. Marquette Memorial Music Award | Bradley Hartman |
| Outstanding Percussionist Award | Bradley Hartman |
| Music Technology | Travis Imboden |
| Outstanding Choral Award | Leah Brockman |
| Outstanding Accompanist Award | Valeriya Dimova |

Science

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| Hatzel Zeplin Memorial Environmental | Dalton Debelius, Kasandra Gonzolez, Joshua Pfautz, Logan Raiger & Christopher Simion |
| Bausch & Lomb Science Award | Margo Keller |
| American Chemical Society-Outstanding HS Chem. Student | Philip Kline |

Social Studies

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| Woodman of the World American History Award | Chad Hollinger |
| Frederick Douglas & Susan B. Anthony Award | Philip Kline |

CTC Awards

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| Auto Body Technology - Student of the Quarter | Samantha Heverling & Marcus Feliciano |
| Automotive Technology - Outstanding Achievement | Tiler Kapp |
| Computer Repair Technology - Student of the Quarter | Michael Hackman |
| Cosmetology | |
| Holiday Hair Award | Sage Hartman |
| National Technical Honor Society Member | Amanda Stevenson |
| Outstanding Cosmetology Student Award | Tiffany Lerch |
| Skills USA District Silver Medalist | Amanda Stevenson |
| Students of the Quarter | Katelyn Gainer & Tiffany Lerch |
| Health Careers Technology | |
| Nurse Aide Registry | Hannah Beck, Kelsey Bowman, Tiffany Cortijo, Katelyn Gulotta, Allyson Hartranft, Lindsay Marderness, Briana Moyer, Kathryn Root, Paige Sweigart |
| Student of the Quarter | Tiffany Cortijo, Katelyn Gulotta & Allyson Hartranft |
| Myerstown Lions Club & Nat'l Technical Honor Society | Katelyn Gulotta |
| Industrial Machine Technology - Student of the Quarter | Ben Eisenhauer |
| Landscape Technology - Student of the Quarter | Mathew Boltz |
| Law Enforcement and Security - Student of the Quarter | Kiana Dixon & Lindsay Schaeffer |
| Medical Assistant | |
| Student of the Quarter | Elizabeth Bicksler & Emily Varela |
| HOSA Chapter President, Myerstown Lions Club | |
| Award, Outstanding Medical Assistant for Knowledge, | |
| Rotary Student of the Month | Elizabeth Bicksler |
| HOSA Chapter County-Treasurer | Emily Varela |

STUDENT AWARD RECOGNITION...Continued

Plumbing, Heating and Air Conditioning

CSST Gas Piping Installers Certification, EPA Section
608 Certification, Lebanon County Builders Assoc.
Award, OSHA 10 Construction Safety Certification,
Student of the Quarter

Visual Broadcasting Technology-Student of the Quarter

Welding Technology-Outstanding Work Ethic

Enlisting in the Military

Army

Air Force

Navy

Character Education Program

Who Are You?

Stand Up To Bullying

Get Involved

Additional Scholarships/Awards

A. Landis Brackbill

Abe Wagner Memorial

Anna Zimmerman Reath

Annville American Legion Auxiliary Award

Bayer "Making Science Make Sense"

BTI Director's

Carl Gible Memorial

Congressman Gerlach's Good Citizenship Award

Creative Mind

DAR Good Citizen

Donald J. Sandherr Memorial Award – Football

Dr. Francis J. Viozzi Memorial Educational

Dr. Henry & Phyllis Levengood Wasserman

E. Jerry Brooks Academic Excellence Award

Eagle Scout

ELCEA

ELCO Cheerleading Boosters

ELCO Staff

ELCO Volleyball

Fackler-Hower Award

Family & Children's Services of Lebanon County

Fred Poorman Memorial

French Club Award

Ft. Zeller PTF

Harvey L. Nitrauer

Heidelberg Lioness Award

In Honor of Ronald Hetrick

Jackson Elementary PTO

Jason Dubble Memorial

John H. & Clarissa A. Eisenhauer

Maksim Shklyar

Joyce Dale

Adam Bressler

Joshua Althouse, Alex Paris, Ashley Stupak &
Thomas Zombro

Junior Finkey, Robert Kale & Kyle Keefer

Clayton Bauder & Daniel Hagmayer

Robert Shultz

Olivia Ginder

Courtney Miller & Mason Musser

Tyler Arnold & Halie Parker

Zachary Carley & Schuyler Harting

Olivia Ginder

Hayley Bollinger

Rebecca Lynch

Chelsea Austin & Lindsay Schaeffer

Madelyn Shaak & Brandi Whitman

Paige Gregorzek & Robert Shultz

Travis Imboden

Brandi Whitman

Kyle Keefer

Joshua Pfautz

Ashtin Nell

Emily Harpold

Matthew Fies

Emily Harpold, Bradley Hartman, Juliana

Knight, Courtney Miller, Mason Musser &

Logan Raiger

Katelyn Barry

Leah Brockman, Forrest Lang, Seth Musser,

Joshua Pfautz, Christopher Simion & Brandi

Whitman

Leah Brockman & Celeste Shimp

Katelyn Barry & Alexander Regnell

Benjamin Kale

Schuyler Harting

Paige Spangler

Nicole Gible & Bradley Hartman

Courtney Miller

Brandi Whitman & Seth Musser

Olivia Ginder

Kristi Fidler & Robert Shultz

Sierra Hogeland

Halie Parker

STUDENT AWARD RECOGNITION...Continued

Kiwanis Club of Lebanon Scholar Athlete
 La Sociedad Honoria Hispanica
 Lebanon County Council of Human Service Agencies
 Lebanon County Educational Honor Society Book
 Lebanon County Federation of Women's Club
 Lebanon County Home Economics Association Award
 Lebanon Federal Credit Union
 Moyer-Longacre
 Mrs. Weaver's Education Award
 Myerstown Alumni
 Myerstown Elementary PTO
 Myerstown VFW Memorial Post 6076

Myerstown-ELCO Rotary Club Award

On-Fire Youth Ministry/Lillian Brocklehurst Memorial
 PA State Athletic Directors Association Student-
 Athlete Foundation
 Penn State Club
 Pop Kelcher Award
 Principal's Choice Art Award

Principal's Leadership Award
 Richland Post 880/Clarence Spangler Award

Richland Post 880/Paul Whitman Memorial Award
 Robert "Barney" Hoffman Alumni Soccer
 Robert Clauser Memorial Award
 The Myrle Mann Kline & Richard Mann Kline
 Travelers Protective Assoc. of America Altruism Award
 U.S. Army Scholar-Athlete
 U.S. Marine Distinguished Athlete Award
 U.S. Marine Scholastic Excellence Award
 U.S. Marine Semper Fidelis Award for Music Excellence
 Viva Watts Nursing
 Walter L. Smith Republican Memorial Award
 WCTU Good Citizenship Award

Madelyn Shaak & Robert Shultz
 Emily Harpold
 Benjamin Kale
 Olivia Ginder
 Brandi Rodriguez
 Brandi Whitman
 Holly Smith
 Paige Gregorzek
 Aaron Springborn
 Paige Spangler & Tyler Arnold
 Paige Spangler & Seth Musser
 Zachary Carley, Kristi Fidler, Benjamin Kale,
 Seth Musser, Matthew Nischalke, Robert Shultz,
 Mackenzie Smith, Paige Spangler & Kady
 Yoders
 Matthew Nischalke, Paige Spangler, Brandi
 Whitman & Kady Yoders
 Leah Brockman & Forrest Lang

Madelyn Shaak & Robert Shultz
 Mackenzie Smith
 Halie Parker & Adam Shoemaker
 Magdelyn Shaak, Kayla Strobel & Jamie
 Wampler
 Aaron Springborn
 Paige Gregorzek, Benjamin Kale, Matthew
 Nischalke & Brandi Whitman
 Emily Yingst
 Tyler Arnold
 Brandon Mays
 Kristi Fidler
 Joshua Pfautz
 Emily Harpold & Mason Musser
 Kady Yoders & Bradley Hartman
 Courtney Miller & Seth Musser
 Holly Smith
 Ashtin Nell
 Brandi Whitman
 Emily Harpold & Tyler Arnold

The preceding organizations, together with the ELCO Renaissance program have helped graduating students achieve their dreams through continuing education, by providing these scholarships. Please help support these organizations that offer so much to enrich the lives of our students and community. For more information on how your company or organization can arrange a scholarship, please call the ELCO High School Guidance office for more information at (717) 866-7117 ext. 2005.

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

February 2013

Hailey Orfino, daughter
of Ryan & Stacie Orfino
of Myerstown



Ryan Miller, son of
David & Sharen
Miller of Myerstown



March 2013

Julia Macchione,
daughter of Charles &
Kristen Macchione of
Newmanstown



Olivia Balsbaugh, daughter
of Philip & Jennifer
Balsbaugh of
Schaefferstown



April 2013

Bridget Bozman,
daughter of Dean &
Theresa Bozman of
Myerstown



Elizabeth Lattanze,
daughter of Chris &
Stacey Lattanze of
Newmanstown



May 2013

Sarah Shollenberger,
daughter of Gary &
Janice Shollenberger of
Newmanstown



Ethan Balderrama, son of
John & Sheri Balderrama
of Myerstown.



MIDDLE SCHOOL

February 2013

Emily Witmer, daughter
of Andy & JoAnn
Witmer of Denver



Collin Hershey, son of
Derrick & Becky
Hershey of Richland



March 2013

Jennifer Kinsey,
daughter of Jill Kinsey
of Myersown



Quinten Weaver, son of
Dean & Shelby Weaver
of Newmanstown



STUDENTS OF THE MONTH...Continued

April 2013

Rebecca Hickernell,
daughter of Steve &
Donna Hickernell of
Newmanstown



Alex Puglio, son of
Mike & Tess Puglio of
Myerstown

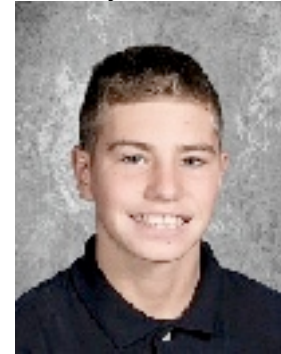


May 2013

Kayla Cox, daughter of
Donald & Tina Cox of
Newmanstown



Brett Bohannon, son of
Douglas & Stephanie
Bohannon of
Myerstown



HIGH SCHOOL

January 2013

Halie Parker, daughter of
Ryan & Ginger Parker of
Womelsdorf



Robert Shultz, son of
Robert Shultz & Christie
Wall of Myerstown



February 2013

Katelyn Barry, daughter
of John & Penny Barry of
Newmanstown



Mason Musser, son of
Steve & Misty Starry of
Myerstown



March 2013

Paige Spangler, daughter
of Brent & Toni Spangler
of Myerstown



Tyler Arnold, son of Pat &
Sharon Arnold of
Myerstown



April 2013

Kristi Fidler, daughter of
Marty & Jill Fidler of
Myerstown



Bradley Hartman, son of
Michael & Holly Hartman
of Myerstown



INTERNET SAFETY, DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP AND DIGITAL LITERACY

“What sites are red, yellow, green?” asked Mrs. Mohn, ELCO Elementary Library Media Specialist. Hands shoot up as website examples pop into the minds of second graders recently at Fort Zeller Elementary School. Mrs. Mohn compared age-level websites to a traffic light. Green light websites were a “go” for the second graders, yellow websites were “cautious” (students were instructed to ask an adult), and red websites were “stop” (red websites are not appropriate for second grade). From kindergarten to seniors, all students of the ELCO School District are receiving instruction on Internet Safety, Digital Citizenship and Digital Literacy.



In the past, ELCO’s Internet Safety and Digital Literacy was formally taught at each building level, but not each grade level. As a requirement for state eRate funding, the curriculum was expanded to include every grade level. At the Intermediate School, Mrs. Dennie Boltz offered to absorb this into her library schedule. Acting now as *cybrarian*, a combination of librarian, media specialist and technology skills instructor, Mrs. Boltz states, “With more and more of our media materials becoming present online, we need to educate our students in terms of online safety, netiquette, and how to be good cyber citizens.”

ELCO Middle School Library Media Specialist, Miss Wendy Kerst, states, “From the class discussions with sixth and seventh graders, I realize the necessity of my Internet Safety course. I am surprised by the experiences some of my students share.” Special Agent Craig LaCadre from the Attorney General’s office visits with the seventh graders each year. An expert on online predators, Agent LaCadre shares real life experiences with the students. Mrs. Julie DeVore follows up in class with units on online behaviors including social networks and digital footprints.

At the high school level, with eyes on their future, students examine their digital footprint more closely. Mrs. Amanda Templeton, in coordination with the high school guidance counselors, stresses the importance of student online profiles and how high school students’ digital footprints can affect their future. “The focus of digital literacy education at the high school is to ensure that students understand the personal responsibility necessary when navigating the digital environment. We emphasize the importance of being aware of one’s digital footprint by asking the who, what, and why questions before creating digital content - Who will see this? What will people think? Why am I posting? Students are encouraged to be responsible producers and consumers of information.”

No matter your child’s age, talk to them; and watch what they do online - other people will be!

LET’S GET GROWING



How many times have you heard your mother say, “Eat your vegetables?” Did you do it? Probably not. The Gourmet Foods class in the FCS department and the FCCLA (Family Career and Community Leaders) club chose to do the *Let’s Get Growing* project with Mrs. Gingrich’s third grade class assuming a high school mentor would perhaps have more influence on veggie consumption than a parent. High school students developed vegetable nutrition themed activities including a scavenger hunt, veggie BINGO, making veggie soup, planting a salad bowl with lettuce seeds, and preparing a healthier pizza and salad together in the FCS foods lab. They also constructed a chef’s apron for each child with the *Let’s Get Growing* logo on it courtesy of the Visual Communications class. When polled, many of the third graders said they tried some vegetables they would have before refused, and will continue to eat them. Success! This project had joint sponsorship via grants obtained from the ELCO Education Foundation and the Pennsylvania Association of School Retirees.

ELCO RETIREES – “OUR THANKS AND BEST WISHES!”

Cafeteria Staff (Left to Right): Pam Leiss, Fay Slike & Dianne Weaver



Reading/Title I Teacher:
Bev Henry



3rd Grade Teachers at the Intermediate School:
Judy Uhrich & Nan Gift

PROFESSIONAL & SUPPORT STAFF MEMBER OF THE YEAR AWARDS

ELEMENTARY: Rebecca Kleinfelter



Becky graduated from Lebanon Catholic High School and continued her education at Rider University where she earned a dual degree in elementary education and

public relations. She also played on the women's basketball team at Rider. She has earned a Master's Degree in educational development from Wilkes University. Becky began her teaching career in 2005 as a 2nd grade teacher at Schaefferstown Elementary. The past three years she has taught 2nd grade at Fort Zeller Elementary.

Becky along with her husband, Corey, enjoy spending time with their 2-year-old daughter Mya. The family likes being outside, going to the beach, and playing various sports activities.

She feels the greatest moment in teaching is when she sees her students excel and when they are excited to come to school each day. She feels grateful to be surrounded by dedicated colleagues and looks forward to going to work everyday.

PROFESSIONAL & SUPPORT STAFF MEMBERS OF THE YEAR...Continued

SECONDARY: Michael Simmons



Mike graduated from DuBois Central Catholic High School. He continued his education at St. Bonaventure University where he earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Mathematics and went on to receive his Masters of Science degree in Classroom Technology

from Wilkes University. He began his teaching career 19 years ago at Lebanon High School and has just completed his 11th year at ELCO where he teaches mathematics. He is the Secondary Mathematics Curriculum Coordinator, as well as an assistant coach with the varsity baseball team here at ELCO.

Mike and his wife, Amy, reside in Manheim and are the proud parents of their son, Ben. They look forward to vacationing at the beach in the summer and spending some quality, relaxing time with their family and friends

SUPPORT STAFF: Cliff Houck

The Jackson Elementary School is home to Cliff Houck who serves as the building and grounds maintenance staff member. Cliff's dedication is apparent in all that he does, maintaining the building and grounds, fixing anything that breaks and helping anyone in need. He has been an integral part of the staff at Jackson for the past 15-years.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION SERVICE AWARDS

The following ELCO employees are being recognized for their years of service.

5 YEARS

Sherrie Bernard
Heather Collins
Bradley Connors
Stacy Dieffenbach
Brian Eisenhower
Wanda Kulp
Kerry Lengle
Deanna Martin
Amanda Miller
Lauren Panza
Kimberly Sandoe
Cindy Sholly
Deloris Sowers
Terrie Stauffer
Barbara Sterner

5 YEARS...Cont'd

Jeremy Sweigart
Ray Trone

10 YEARS

Jackie Bender
Bernice Bricker
Tania Bucks
Dave Fair
Vicki Hartman
Brock Hoover
Lisa Kercher
Ken Miller
Judy Moyer
Laura Weaver
Jamie Yocum

15 YEARS

Donna Ansel
Karen Blair
Karen Bohannon
Shirley Ericson
Holly Hartman
Cliff Houck
Michelle Longenecker
Tara Perlaki

20 YEARS

Martha Confalone
Tom Eberly
Kris Haley-Paul
Marilyn Heisey
Wes Soto

20 YEARS...Cont'd

Jane Spangler
Lynn Sterner

25 YEARS

Sherrie Liskey
Diane Reedy
Betty Umberger

30 YEARS

Stephanie Bicher
Vicki Carpenter
Michael Stauffer

35 YEARS

Donna DelCollo
Deborah Myers

ATHLETICALLY SPEAKING



The spring season was very successful both on and off the athletic field. Three hundred athletes participated in the spring season on the varsity and junior high level.

Track & Field

Congratulations to the girls program for completing the season with a 5 -1-1 record and winning their 8th straight Section III championship. Top performers on the team were Alexis Wike, Kathleen Gilbertson, Margo Keller and Justine Eldridge. Congratulations to Alexis Wike for winning the triple jump at the county track meet. Elizabeth Schomp set the school record in the Pole Vault with a jump of 9'6".

The boy's team also had a successful season with a 5 - 2 record. Congratulations to the 4 X 400 Relay team (Shawn Gordon, Brad Hartman, Kyle Keefer, Chris Gilbertson) for winning first place at the County Track Meet, a 4th place medal at the District III AAA Track Meet, qualifying for the State Meet and setting the school record in a time of 3:24.04.

The "Bob and Louise Trump Junior High Invitational" was, again, successful this past season on a beautiful spring day. Special thanks to the Booster Club, athletes, and coaching staff. Bob and Louise Trump have been the major contributors to this event, which began 20 years ago.

Baseball

The baseball team completed the season with a 9 - 10 record. The team started out 0 - 6 and finished the season winning nine out of the last thirteen ballgames. Adam Shoemaker and Jake Stager led the pitching staff. Chris Kreider, Cody Horst, and Shoemaker led the team at the plate. Special thanks to announcer Aaron Springborn and scorekeeper Ryan Leppo for doing a great job at the home games. Special thanks to the baseball team for being involved in the "Wounded Warrior Game" vs L-S and for raising money to support this superb program.

Softball

The softball team completed the season with a 7 - 13 record. Special thanks to the softball team for supporting Autism, Cystic Fibrosis, and raising money to help the Andy Feitzinger family. Claire Shaak and Cheyenne Hassler handled the majority of the pitching duties and Shaak, Hassler, Madelyn Shaak, and Olivia Hess, were the top hitters on the team. Hassler continues to add to her school record with career hits at 95 currently, and she is only a junior.

Boys Tennis

The tennis team completed a tremendous season with a 16 - 4 record. The team won the County Championship, placed 3rd in Districts and placed in the top four in the PIAA Tournament. Congratulations to Adam Bahney who was a finalist in the County Tournament, champion of the Lancaster-Lebanon League AA Tournament and qualified for the District Tournament. Bahney teamed with Galen McNaughton to win the League Tournament, finished 2nd at Districts and qualified for the State Tournament. Tyler Arnold also had a great season playing at the number three spot and finishing second in the League Tournament; while teammate McNaughton took 3rd place.

The Awards Program was held on Wednesday, May 29. Brandon Mays received the Robert Clauser Memorial Award, Dustin Habecker and Amanda Britto won the PIAA District III Sportsmanship Award.

Adam Shoemaker and Halie Parker were ELCO's nominees for the Pop Kelchner award. Each school in the county and surrounding areas nominate a female and male athlete to represent their school. These individuals were honored at a student-athlete recognition breakfast on Sunday, May 19 at the Lebanon Days Inn.

Madelyn Shaak and Robert Shultz were selected as the Lebanon Valley Kiwanis Scholar Athletes. Each year a male and female athlete are chosen for this award based on excellence in the classroom and on the athletic field. They were treated to a luncheon on May 16th in Lebanon.

ATHLETICALLY SPEAKING...Continued

Halie Parker and Tyler Arnold were ELCO's selections for the A. Landis Brackbill Award. This award goes to the top male and female student-athletes in the Lancaster-Lebanon League. All applicants must have participated in a minimum of two sports and have a minimum 3.0 grade point average throughout their high school career. All the student-athletes nominated for this award in the Lancaster-Lebanon League were recognized at a luncheon on May 21st at the Eden Resort.

Madelyn Shaak and Robert Shultz received a \$500 scholarship from the Pennsylvania Athletic Directors Association on behalf of Douglas M. Bohannon who was named Athletic Director of the Year for the State of Pennsylvania.

Physicals for fall sports will be held on Tuesday, August 6 in the ELCO High School Cafeteria. Fall athletes should report at 5:30 p.m. **All athletes will be charged a fee of \$25 for their physical. They must pay the night of the physical.**

Congratulations and a big "thank you" to Bob and Louise Trump who have decided to retire as track and field officials. They have worked the ELCO meets since the 1980's. We wish you well!

Coaches, parents, and the community are encouraged to follow our sports schedule that can be found on www.schedulestar.com (previously highschoolsports.net). Simply go to this website and enter "Eastern Lebanon Co Sr HS" or "Eastern Lebanon Co MS" and choose the "Team" and/or "Season" to get the individual sport schedules. A link can also be found on the ELCO Athletics webpage on the upper right corner labeled "Athletic Calendar".

Please follow Douglas M. Bohannon on twitter to get updates of scores, postponements, and other important information about the ELCO athletic department. The account is **@_dbohannon**

SUMMER BANDAPALOOZA 2013

Students of the ELCO instrumental music department in rising grades 5-9 will be presenting a band concert this August. This annual summer concert is called the **"Summer Bandapalooza"**. It will be held in the Middle School cafeteria on **Tuesday, August 6, at 7 p.m.** The directors are Mr. Craig DeVore (Middle School band director) and Mr. Mike Stauffer (Intermediate School band director).

The concert is free of charge, and is open to the public.



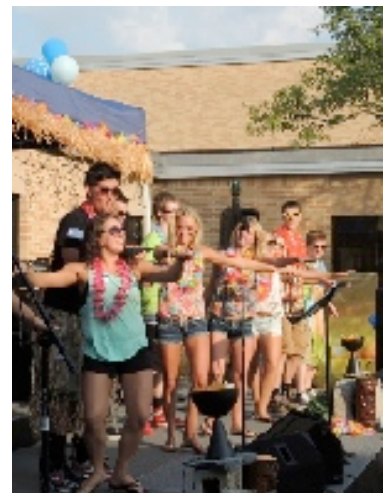
RAIDERTHON 2013



ELCO High School held its third mini-THON on June 1, 2013 in the courtyard of the high school. After a year of planning and fundraising, students celebrated the end of the school year and their success in raising money to support the Four Diamonds Fund. As of the evening of the RaiderTHON, \$7,000 had been

collected; but after some surprise donations were received the final amount to be sent to Four Diamonds came to \$9,184.64. A big *“thank you”* to all of the local businesses and friends that donated to this cause to help children with cancer. This year’s event consisted of a Hawaiian luau theme. The RaiderTHON Club members did a great job decorating the courtyard for this occasion. Over 170 students and 15 faculty families attended the event.

Special thanks to all of the faculty, administrators, and students that helped make RaiderTHON 2013 such a success.



Please visit <http://raiderthon.wikispaces.com/%2A2013+RAIDERTHON> to see more pictures.

2013-14 TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION

The district has renewed its contract with Rod Sams of Samsco Ventures in Lancaster to prepare bus routes and stops. Rod will maintain an office in the ELCO Intermediate School and will be available by phone and email. Brightbill Transportation will continue to provide the vehicles and the drivers.

Assigning an estimated 2,700 students to vehicles transporting to more than 30 different locations is a significant task. Students are assigned to stops at or near home, unless the district is notified *in writing*. Should your son or daughter need transportation from or to a location other than home, such as a childcare provider, *it is critical* that you complete a transportation request and submit it no later than July 12, 2013. The form can be found on the district's website by selecting **"Departments"** and choosing the **"Transportation"** link. Instructions for submitting the forms can be found on the form

itself. Changes and/or requests received after July 12 may not be in place for the start of the school year.

The website also includes forms for questions and concerns as well as another form to appeal decisions concerning stops and routes.

Information from the district concerning transportation assignments can be expected two to three weeks prior to the start of school.

The district office staff will continue to respond to and coordinate emergency situations including delays, children unaccounted for, accidents, etc., as well as concerns about drivers and staff. Questions and/or concerns about stops and routes shall be directed to Samsco Ventures at rodsams@elcosd.org, (717) 866-4521 or (717) 821-5127.

DID YOU KNOW

Congratulations!

- Congratulations are extended to high school pianist, Valeriya Dimova, who performed in the District VII Orchestra Festival in January at Central York High School.
- The following high school instrumental music students performed in the LLMEA County Band Festival, held at Ephrata High School in January: Jeremy Bernat, Olivia Burkhart, Leanna Capretti, Laura Fiorini, Heather Hart, Travis Houtz, Philip Kline, Juliana Knight, Hunter McMullen, Micah Musser, Joseph Naughton, Lauren Regnell, Christopher Simion, and Adam Tobias.
- The following middle school band students performed at the Lancaster-Lebanon Music Educators' Association Middle School Band Fest, hosted by the Manheim Township School District in April. These students included: Bohdan Adams, Brittany Edge, Derek Horst, Marissa Kemmerling, Amaya Phillips, Sarah Simion, and Cody Speicher.
- Congratulations are extended to these middle school instrumental music students, who performed in the Lebanon Valley College Middle School Band Festival: Makayla Arnold, Hannah Barnhart, Brittany Edge, Faustina Falk, Ethan Gregorzek, Alisha Hehnly, Marissa Kemmerling, Clark Lovell, Hannah Richards, and Sara Smith.
- The following fifth and sixth grade students participated in this year's Elementary Song Fest, sponsored by PMEA District VII, and hosted by the Gettysburg School District on April 13. Students included: (Grade 6) David Deitz, Alexandra Header, Abbie Keath, and Tyrece Raub (Grade 5) Britney Ebersole, Julia Gettler, Destiny Kline, and Tyler Tulos.

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ONLINE SCHOOL STORE

Over the summer months, keep in mind that you can still purchase items from the online school store. The ELCO backpack is a great way to prepare for next school year!

To log on to the Web Store open the ELCO webpage, select *“Quick Links”* and choose *“Web Store”*.



ELCO EDUCATION FOUNDATION / MYERSTOWN ELCO ROTARY GOLF OUTING



The annual golf outing was held on Friday, July 12th at the Lebanon Valley Golf Course in Myerstown. Thank you to all the sponsors and players for, again, making this event a great success. Profits from the event support initiatives for students and staff throughout the ELCO School District and for

various programs for the Myerstown Rotary including student scholarships and sponsorship of student leadership camp. Thank you for your support.

Golf Outing Sponsors:

Presenting Sponsors: Fulton Bank & Gift and Associates, LLC

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SAY GOOD-BYE TO THE SUMMER SLIDE: KEEP THOSE SKILLS

The sounds, smells and tastes of summer are here for the children of the ELCO School District. Our students may be taking a break from the classroom setting, but vacation days provide opportunities for new learning experiences. Did you know that our district children are in danger of experiencing the “summer slide” if they don’t practice reading skills gained during the academic year? According to the National Summer Learning Association, “a conservative estimate of lost instructional time is approximately two months or roughly 22 percent of the school year.” (www.rif.org) Sadly, that means teachers might need to spend a month or more re-teaching what has been lost over the summer!

A family’s role is absolutely critical to helping a student avoid the academic “summer slide.” The attitude of each of us toward reading, as we interact with our children, makes a huge difference. If we model an interest in active reading and writing, our children will follow our lead!

To encourage our children to stay involved in their own learning this summer, the students at both Jackson and Fort Zeller Elementary schools learned about two ways they could join the ELCO Raider Reader Club, which will earn them an invitation to the ice cream party celebration when they return to school next year. They may choose to select and complete reading and writing extension activities

from calendars prepared by the reading department, or they may complete the “Dig Into Reading” program offered at our local libraries throughout Lebanon County.

The opportunities for helping children engage in summer reading are endless and here are several examples. Ask your child what he/she would like to learn more about and find books to explore those interests. If you enjoy time in the kitchen, cook together and have your child read and follow the recipe to review both reading and math skills. When you take a trip, an older child can help you navigate by reading the map. When you get to your destination, have them write a postcard or let them text relatives to say you made it safely. On days when you are melting outside and would rather stay cool in the air conditioning, pull out word games like Scrabble, Boggle or Mad Libs to encourage thinking. Start a journal to detail your summer adventures. Ask your child to write your family’s history, possibly having him or her interview grandparents to capture their stories. Read one of the free local publications, *The Merchandiser* or *About Families* and explore it together. A younger child could find familiar words and an older child might plan a trip to a local business or event.

As you can see, summer can truly be your playground, but don’t allow a child you love to take the “summer slide.” Work together to keep language arts skills strong so that your child’s return to the classroom is at the same academic place they left it!

CELEBRATE THE ARTS

On Tuesday evening, May 21st, the hallways of the ELCO High School were turned into an art gallery. Showcased were students’ artwork from grades K-12. The artwork was extremely diverse including painting, drawing, pottery, sculpture, mixed media, photography, printmaking and jewelry design. All students who participate in the visual arts program were represented.

Senior art students were featured in the High School Library and each student created their own portfolio show. Also represented at the show were student works from Technology Education, Consumer and Family Science, History, Desktop Publishing and Graphic Design, and the Math Department.

The Elco Raider Jazz Band and Concert Choir treated audiences to a performance during the evening’s festivities. This show is one of the best-attended events of the school year and we express our gratitude for the support of parents, community, administration, and the school board who understand the importance of the arts in our children’s educational experience.

HIGH SCHOOL SCIENCE FAIR –

Sponsored by a Donation from Bayer Corporation of Myerstown



Congratulations to Seth Musser who won Grand Champion and 1st Place in the Physics/Engineering category in the 2013 ELCO High School Science Fair. Seth went on to compete in the Regional Science Fair and won a variety of awards including:
Physics & Astronomy Category, Mu Alpha Theta National and Grand Champion Finalist.

Additional ELCO High School winners were:

Physics/Engineering 2nd Place – Brian Remper & Cory Spatz

Chemistry/Biology 1st Place – Jon Shanfelder

Chemistry/Biology 2nd Place – Vladislav Solomakhin & Logan Streley



MIDDLE SCHOOL SCIENCE FAIR

Winners from the ELCO Middle School Science Fair are as follows:



1st Place: Taylor Boehmer / Nickolas Moyer

2nd Place: Quinten Weaver / Rebecca Hickernell

3rd Place: Derek Horst

Pictured: Taylor Boehmer and Nickolas Moyer "Caffeine Catastrophe".

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

The school district has a number of opportunities for persons interested in volunteering. Possible tasks include: monitoring the lunchroom, assisting with athletic events (ticket seller, ticket collector and scorekeeper), assisting in the library, aiding in the classroom, helping to maintain the organization of bookrooms, participating in career day activities, and assisting with drama productions are just a few of the ways volunteers can be helpful. If you have an interest in volunteering, please contact any building office or the district office at 717-866-7117.

ELCO HIGH SCHOOL RENAISSANCE



On Friday, May 24th, the ELCO Renaissance program provided an ice cream sundae bar (dished out by our fabulous volunteers), and prize drawings from Renaissance sponsoring businesses during the high school lawn lunch, which unfortunately had to be moved indoors due to the weather. **THE ICE CREAM SUNDAE BAR WAS SPONSORED BY A GENEROUS DONATION FROM BALSBAUGH INSURANCE AGENCY.** Thank you to Balsbaugh Insurance and to all of the businesses who have partnered with

Renaissance either with donations or discounts to our students.

Also, a special thank you to the volunteers who dished out ice cream, not only on this special day but also at the ice cream sundae bar that was held on the first Friday of each month for Renaissance cardholders. The students and staff greatly appreciate your time!!

Renaissance cardholders, remember your card/validation sticker is valid during the summer months.

Log on to the ELCO Website, under **"Our Schools"** select **ELCO High School** and under **"HS Quick Links"** choose **RENAISSANCE**.

2013 – 2014 SCHOOL CALENDAR

August 21, 2013: First Day for All Staff
August 22, 2013: Teacher In-Service
August 26, 2013: First Day for Students
August 30 – September 2, 2013: Labor Day Holiday – NO School
October 14, 2013: Columbus Day - NO School (Emergency Make-up Day)
October 30, 2013: End of 1st Marking Period
November 25, 2013: Parent/Teacher Conferences – No Students
November 26, 2013: Act 80 Day – NO Students (Conferences/Sr. Projects-HS)
November 27, 2013: In-Service – NO SCHOOL
November 28 – December 2, 2013: Thanksgiving Break - NO School
December 23 – January 1, 2014: Christmas Break - NO School
January 16, 2014: End of 2nd Marking Period
January 17, 2014: Act 80 Day – NO Students
January 20, 2014: Martin Luther King, Jr. Day - NO School (Emergency Make-up Day)
February 17, 2014: President's Day - NO SCHOOL
March 26, 2014: End of 3rd Marking Period
April 16, 2014: Parent/Teacher Conf./Sr. Projects – NO Students
April 17, 2014: In-Service – NO Students
April 18-21, 2014: Easter Break – NO School
April 21, 2014: Emergency Make-up Day
May 23, 2014: NO School (Emergency Make-up Day)
May 26, 2014: Memorial Day - NO School
June 5, 2014: Last Student Day (1/2 Day K-12) Graduation
June 6, 2014: Records & Report Day
June 9, 2014: In-Service



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2013-2014 ELCO Homecoming Week:
September 16 – 21, 2013
Mark your calendars – Homecoming is early this year!

ELCO SCHOOL CALENDAR & NEWSLETTERS

The ELCO School District calendar and the Communicator (newsletter) are posted on our website at www.elcosd.org. The Communicator can be found under “*District Information*”.

Athletic event information can be found under “*Departments*” on the main page of the website. Choose either the “Athletic Calendar” or select an individual sport and choose the specific schedule.

